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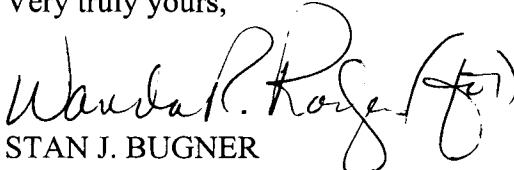
Mr. Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director
The Public Service Commission
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RE: Agreement between Verizon South Inc. and ALLTEL Communications

Dear Mr. Walsh:

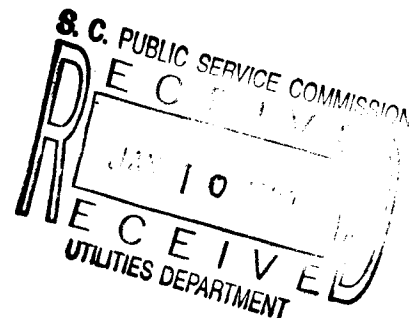
Enclosed you will find three copies of Amendment No. 1 of the above referenced agreement which is being filed with your office for consideration and approval. Should you have any questions concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,


STAN J. BUGNER
State Director

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Enclosures



AMENDMENT NO. 1
to the
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

between

**VERIZON SOUTH INC.,
F/K/A GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED**

and

**ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
F/K/A 360° COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

This Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment") is effective June 14, 2001 ("Amendment Effective Date"), by and between Verizon South Inc., f/k/a GTE South Incorporated, a Virginia corporation ("Verizon"), and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., f/k/a 360° Communications Company, a Delaware corporation ("ALLTEL"). (Verizon and ALLTEL may hereinafter be referred to, each individually, as a "Party," and, collectively, as the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Verizon and ALLTEL are Parties to an Interconnection Agreement under Sections 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934 (the "Act") for South Carolina, which was effective July 29, 1998 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2001, in the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68 ("Order"), the Federal Communications Commission affirmed its prior determination that Internet traffic is not subject to reciprocal compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, but exercised its authority under Section 201 of the Act to establish a transitional plan for intercarrier compensation for Internet traffic; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Order, Verizon has elected to offer an optional reciprocal compensation rate plan for traffic subject to Section 251(b)(5) of the Act, under which such traffic exchanged between Verizon and a local exchange carrier or CMRS provider in a given state will be subject to compensation at the same rate

apply until such time as they are replaced prospectively by new rates as may be approved or allowed into effect from time to time by the Commission pursuant to FCC orders and FCC regulations, or by the FCC, subject to a stay or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction.

- 1.1.2 Reciprocal compensation shall not apply to traffic that is not subject to reciprocal compensation under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act.
- 1.1.3 "Internet Traffic" means any traffic that is transmitted to or returned from the Internet at any point during the duration of the transmission.
- 1.1.4 Local Traffic does not include any Internet Traffic.
- 1.1.5 Reciprocal compensation shall not apply to Internet Traffic.
- 1.1.6 The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet Traffic shall be governed by the terms of the Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC regulations.
- 1.1.7 The determination of whether traffic is Local Traffic or Internet Traffic shall be performed in accordance with Paragraphs 8 and 79, and other applicable provisions, of the Order (including, but not limited to, in accordance with the rebuttable presumption established by the Order that traffic delivered to a carrier that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating to originating traffic is Internet Traffic, and in accordance with the process established by the Order for rebutting such presumption before the Commission).
- 1.1.8 A Party shall not be obligated to pay any intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that is in excess of the intercarrier compensation for Internet Traffic that such Party is required to pay under the Order and other applicable FCC orders and FCC Regulations.

2. Termination. If the Order is stayed, vacated or modified, in whole or in part, by the FCC or another governmental entity of competent jurisdiction, each Party shall have the right to terminate this Amendment by written notice to the other Party. The termination shall be effective upon receipt of the notice of termination by the other Party. In the event of such termination of this Amendment, the language of the Agreement, on a prospective basis, effective with the effective date of the termination, shall revert to the language of the Agreement (including any other amendments to the

Agreement entered into by the Parties on, before or after the Amendment Effective Date) as it would have existed if this Amendment had not been entered into by the Parties. The provisions of this Section 2 shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other provisions of the Agreement (including, but not limited to, Article III, Section 30, "Changes in Legal Requirements," and Article III, Section 38, "Subsequent Law") that might apply if the Order is stayed, vacated or modified.

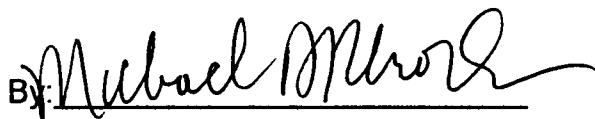
3. Scope of Amendment. Except to the extent set forth in Section 1 of this Amendment, the rates, charges and other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the Amendment Effective Date. Nothing in this Amendment shall be deemed to amend or extend the term of the Agreement.

4. Conflict Between this Amendment and the Agreement. This Amendment shall be deemed to revise the rates, charges and other provisions of the Agreement to the extent necessary to give effect to the rates, charges and other provisions of this Amendment. In the event of a conflict between a rate, charge or other provision of this Amendment and a rate, charge or other provision of the Agreement, this Amendment shall govern.

5. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives as of the Amendment Effective Date.

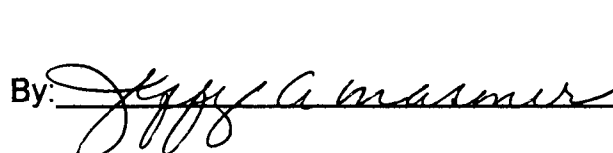
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